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Trio Charged in Connection with Hacienda Heights Burglary that Ended in Deadly Crash

Three alleged burglars accused of evading police and causing a fatal traffic collision were charged today, the Los Angeles County District Attorney's Office announced.

Anthony Marcel Quisenberry (dob 4/9/81), the alleged driver, has been charged with three felony counts in case KA112715: murder, first-degree residential burglary and assault upon a peace officer.

Quisenberry's co-defendants, Charles Archer Allen (dob 2/8/84) and Michael Vincent Smyer (dob 7/19/89), are each charged with one count of first-degree residential burglary.

The defendants were scheduled to be arraigned today, but the court appearance was continued to June 8 in Department N of the Los Angeles County Superior Court, Pomona Branch.

The charging document alleges that Quisenberry was previously convicted of first-degree residential burglary in 2000 and 2005, identity theft in 2003, and conspiracy to commit a crime in 2005.

Additionally, it is alleged that Allen was previously convicted of second-degree commercial burglary in 2011 and identity theft and forgery in 2012. Furthermore, it's alleged that Smyer was previously convicted of first-degree residential burglary in 2014.

Deputy District Attorney Marie Cox, who is assigned to the case, said on May 31 a witness called 911 when they saw two men kick in the door of a Hacienda Heights home while a black Chevrolet Camaro waited nearby.

When authorities arrived at the location, they saw the black Camaro leaving the area and a pursuit ensued, the prosecutor added.

During the pursuit, the Camaro reportedly struck a passing vehicle and killed the driver, Rojelio Gonzalez, 66. Following the crash, the occupants in the Camaro, Quisenberry, Allen and Smyer, fled from the vehicle, but were later apprehended by sheriff deputies, according to the prosecutor.

If convicted as charged, Quisenberry faces a maximum possible sentence of 31 years to life in state prison, while Allen faces 14 years and Smyer 17 years in state prison.

The case is being investigated by the Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department.

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